

November 2, 2006

Dear Veterans Day Essay Contest Participants:

I want to thank each student who participated in our Veterans Day "Stand Beside Them" Essay Contest. I am very impressed with the quality and thoughtfulness that went in to this year's essays. I hope that each of you enjoyed reflecting on the theme "Stand Beside Them," and understanding how it relates to the sacrifices made by our veterans.

As the number of essay entries grows each year, it becomes harder to choose a first-place winner from each grade level. I want to congratulate those students whose essays were chosen as city-wide winners for their grade level. These students have been asked to read their essays at this year's City of Carmel Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 10th. The essay winners from each grade are listed on the attached sheet. Winning essays can also be read online at www.carmel.in.gov.

The veterans are truly honored by the effort you put forth for your essay. Thanks again for taking the time to think about the gifts that veterans have given us, and for compiling a thoughtful piece on how it relates to our lives. I look forward to your participation next year.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Brainard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Brainard
Mayor

City of Carmel “Stand Beside Them” Essay Contest

City-Wide Winners

- 6th Grade:** Charles Caspersen, Academy Plus
7th Grade: Chandler Cockrum, Creekside Middle School
8th Grade: Radhika Agarwal, Clay Middle School
9th Grade: Daniel Mieth, Academy Plus School
10th Grade: Stephanie Warner, Walnut Grove Christian Preparatory School
11th Grade: Alex Metz, Carmel High School
12th Grade: Rebecca White, Walnut Grove Christian Preparatory School